GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Treasuries & Accounts Department– Departmental proceedings initiated against Smt. N. Lakshmi, Accounts Officer (Retd.), O/o Director of Tribal Welfare, Amaravati at Vijayawada under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991- Inquiry conducted – Imposition of penalty of withholding of five percent (5%) monthly pension permanently – Orders – Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 97 **Date: 24.08.2023**

Read the following:-

1. GO Ms. No. 66, Finance (Admn.I) Department, Dt. 08.07.2020.
2. GO Rt. No. 1770, Finance (Admn.I) Department, Dt. 08.07.2020.
3. Explanation of Smt. N. Lakshmi, AO (Retd.) Dated: 11.09.2020.
4. GO RT No.513, Finance (Admn.I) Department, Dt. 16.03.2021.
5. Inquiry Report dt.18.11.2021.
6. Explanation of Smt. N. Lakshmi, AO (Retd.) Dated: 10.02.2022.
7. DTA file No. FIN02-17024/28/2019-G SEC-DTA (Comp No.926715).
8. Memo No. Fin01-HODS0ADTA(EMGO)/20/2020-Admn.I, Dt.25.05.2022.
9. Explanation of the Charged Officer Dt. 25.07.2022.
10. APPSC Letter No. GAD03-APPS0DCC/18/2023-DC-SEC-APPSC, Dt.09.03. 2023.
11. Memo No. Fin01-HODS0ADTA(EMGO)/20/2020-Admn.I, Dt.30.04.2023.
12. Remarks of DTA in file Computer No. 926715.

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Whereas, in the reference first & second read above, the Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 against Smt. N. Lakshmi, Accounts Officer (Retd.), O/o Director of Tribal Welfare, Amaravati at Vijayawada by framing the following article of charges.

Charge 1:

That Smt. N. Lakshmi, the then Asst. Accounts Officer, O/o Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, Ongole was unauthorizedly absent and irregularly attended to duties during the period from January 2018 to November 2018. The Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Ongole, vide the Memo in the Rc.No.88/2018/A1, dated. 26.12.2018 has called for explanation from the individual, however she read the memo., but refused to receive and acknowledge the same, thereby behaved in a manner unbecoming on the part of as a responsible Government Servant, exhibited misconduct, and thus violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

Charge 2:

That Smt. N. Lakshmi, the then Asst. Accounts Officer, O/o Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, Ongole, while functioning as Asst. Accounts Officer was resorting to dilatory tactics in disposing the pending files and in attending for reconciliation of revenue receipts as unbecoming of Government Servant thereby exhibited misconduct and violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. In the reference third read above, the charged Officer Smt. N. Lakshmi, Accounts Officer (Retd.) has submitted her written statement of defense denying the charges framed against her. In the reference fourth read above, the Government have appointed Sri B. Raja Gopal Rao, Deputy Director, Guntur District as Inquiry Officer for conducting of regular inquiry into the charges. The Inquiry Officer after following the due procedure, has submitted inquiry report vide the reference fifth read above stating that the Charge-1 is proved and Charged-2 is not proved against Smt. N. Lakshmi, Accounts Officer (Retd.).

3. The Government have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged Officer with a direction to submit her representation if any, on the findings of the inquiry Officer, as required under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991. In reply, in the representation sixth read above, the charged Officer has submitted her explanation on the findings of the Inquiry Officer reiterating her earlier contentions & requested to exonerate her from the charges and drop further action against her.

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4. After following due procedure and taking into consideration of the finding of inquiry officer and the explanation of the charged officer, Government have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of "five percent (5%) cut in monthly pension for a period of one year" against Smt. N. Lakshmi, Accounts Officer (Retd.) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. In the reference eighth read above, the Government has issued a show cause notice to the charged officer and directed to explain as to why the punishment of withholding of "five percent (5%) in monthly pension for a period of one (1) year" should not be imposed on her under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for the proved charges framed against her. In the reference ninth read above, the charged officer has submitted her explanation.

6. After careful examination of the entire matter and the advice of APPSC on the proposed punishment, the Government have decided to revise the proposed punishment against the charged officer as "withholding of five percent (5%) monthly pension permanently" and in the reference eleventh read above, a show cause notice was issued to the charged officer and she was directed to explain as to why the punishment of withholding of "five percent (5%) in monthly pension permanently" should not be imposed on her under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for the proved charges framed against her.

7. In the reference twelfth read above, the Director of Treasuries & Accounts has reported that the charged officer has acknowledged the show cause notice issued by the Government, vide reference eleventh read above, and she has not submitted any explanation within the time & hence recommended that it may construed that the charged officer has no explanation to submit in this regard.

8. The Government, after careful examination of the entire matter, & under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 hereby order to impose the penalty of "withholding of five percent (5%) monthly pension permanently" w.e.f. the date of retirement of the charged officer Smt. N. Lakshmi, Accounts Officer (Retd.), O/o Director of Tribal Welfare, A.P.

9. The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Mangalagiri shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Mangalagiri.
Smt. N. Lakshmi, Accounts Officer (Retired), O/o Director of Tribal Welfare, Vijayawada through the DTA, A.P.
The Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada
The Pay and Accounts Office, Nadhi Bhavan, Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The Accountant General A.P., Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER